

2nd Grade Scoop

Feb. 13-17, 2012		Mrs. Spielmann	West Central Elementary
<p>Character Education The Character Education word for February is: Tolerance. Tolerance is the practice of recognizing and respecting the beliefs and practices of others that differ from our own. We need to learn to be tolerant of others. Each week we will be giving away Subway certificates to students who exhibit Tolerance characteristics!</p> <p>Social Studies/ Weekly Reader This week we will be learning about the rain forest Vocabulary Words: Kapok trees, climate, rainfall</p> 	<p>Math This week we will be working with telling time on a clock. Each child will have their own clock. Please work with your child on memorizing math flash cards in addition and subtraction. We continue to do Mad Minute Math tests and CGI problems on a daily basis.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Just a reminder: Homework is: *Study spelling words *Read for 20 minutes every night *Memorize math flash cards for addition and subtraction & counting money *Practice writing short stories *Please remember to initial your child's planner with time read each night. Thank you for your continued support. Your children will benefit!</p>	<p>Creative Writing We are writing stories every day. We use various prompts that are original, fun, and thought-provoking. The students really get excited when it is writing time. We also share our stories with the class on our "Author's Chair."</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Spelling The students are working on r-controlled vowels or, ore, our sounds in words this week. We are doing Differentiated Spelling. Each child will come home with their own personal list of words in their Planners. Daily activities to reinforce spelling words include: Word Search, ABC Order, Double Puzzle, write a letter to your teacher using list words and finding meanings of the spelling words in the dictionary.</p>	 <p>Dates to Remember: February 13 - Conferences February 14 - Valentine Party -2:15 February 17 - No School February 20 - No School March 2 - Character Book Dress Up Day</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Phonics & Grammar Genre: Informational and connect prior knowledge Reading: (Short Story) "The Rooster That Crowed at Nightfall" Guided Reading Groups: Fluency, comprehension skills, predicting, and author's message, non-fiction, and author's purpose. Independent Reading and A.R. Tests ***** Check out this website to see if a book your child is reading at home is an AR Book. https://www.renlearn.com/store/quiz_home.asp</p>

Vocabulary

With our Language Arts series, the students are exposed to high frequency and robust vocabulary words. Vocabulary is critical to reading success because it supports comprehension and communication.

High Frequency Words for this week are: acquired, assumed, absurd, attempt

Robust Vocabulary Words for this week are: extremely, barely, admit, serious, hilarious, witty

Quick Tip: To expose your child to these words, one suggestion may include placing word cards around the house and having the student read and define the words as they find them.

In our literacy centers, we place the words on index cards with the definitions on the back. The students read the cards and work with partners to become more familiar with the words.

Writing: (Writing complete sentences)

We will write paragraphs about various pictures. Writing

Trait: (Ideas) Conventions (using the correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling). We will also work on describing. The students will also work on using effective word choices in their writing—such as rhyming words and colorful words to clarify description and revise word choices.

Bullying Contract: I promise I will not bully others. I promise I will not hurt others through my words or my actions. I promise to: Be kind. Be safe. Be ready to learn!

Read Aloud Charts

"Purple Cow" (describing how we listen for a purpose)

Students will discuss what they enjoyed most about the poem.

"Young Farmer of Leeds" – Students will think about what is happening in the poem and the feeling they get from listening to

Listening Center

Stories: "Serious Farm" by Tim Egan

Genre: Fantasy

While listening to these stories, the students will learn new vocabulary words which include: crowd, sealed, carefully, attack, pattern, disappear, antennae

The students will also orally discuss beginning, middle and end of the story & author's message. They will also learn about story structure.

Snacks

13– Grace
14– Gunnar
15 – Connor
16 – Audrey

Thanks for providing snacks!!



Our class Valentine's Party will be held on Tuesday, February 14, at 2:15. Our room parents are: Laurie Sterrett – 528-6560; Julie Person– 261-4151; Tess Stone – 528-3382; Jennifer Cuka – 362-6180; Belinda Prostrollo – 360-0196; and Lori Davis – 940-3351. Laurie Sterrett will be the leader to call everyone. I am confident they will have a great party planned for us. I am asking each parent to create a Valentine box with your child for the party. Thanks!

Quotes of the Week–

"Happiness is what you think, what you say and what you do in harmony!" Daniel J. Boorstin

"Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom!" George Washington Carver

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